

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S187–S231

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 115–136, and S. Res. 18. **Pages S219–20**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people. **Pages S187–92, S192–97**

Sanctions With Respect to the Russian Federation—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. J. Res. 2, disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S202–08**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate failed to table the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S201**

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S201–02**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, January 15, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. **Page S208**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of

Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution occur at 12:30 p.m., and if the motion to invoke cloture is not agreed to, the joint resolution be returned to the calendar. **Page S227**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

26 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S201–02**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S227.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began hearings to examine the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Orrin G. Hatch, testified and answer questions in his own behalf, but did not complete action thereon.